



# Merchant Shipping Act 1995

## 1995 CHAPTER 21

### PART III

#### MASTERS AND SEAMEN

##### *Documentation*

#### **79 British seamen's cards.**

- (1) The Secretary of State may make regulations providing—
- for the issue to British seamen of cards (in this section referred to as “British seamen’s cards”) in such form and containing such particulars with respect to the holders thereof and such other particulars (if any) as may be prescribed by the regulations, and for requiring British seamen to apply for such cards;
  - for requiring the holders of British seamen’s cards to produce them to such persons and in such circumstances as may be prescribed by the regulations;
  - for the surrender of British seamen’s cards in such circumstances as may be prescribed by the regulations;
  - for any incidental or supplementary matters for which the Secretary of State thinks it expedient for the purposes of the regulations to provide;
- and any provision of the regulations having effect by virtue of paragraph (a) above may be so framed as to apply to all British seamen or any description of them and as to have effect subject to any exemptions for which provision may be made by the regulations.
- (2) Regulations under this section may make a contravention of any provision thereof an offence punishable on summary conviction with a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale or not exceeding a lesser amount.
- (3) In this section “British seamen” means persons who are not aliens within the meaning of the <sup>MI</sup>British Nationality Act 1981 and are employed, or ordinarily employed, as masters or seamen.

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- (4) If a person makes a statement which he knows to be false or recklessly makes a statement which is false in a material particular for the purpose of obtaining for himself or another person a British seaman's card he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.

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